

REMARKS

Claims 21, 26-31, 33-36, 41, 44, 47, 53 and 56-75 remain in this case.

Claims 64-74 are intended to cover the subject matter of Applicant's Provisional application S.N. 60/543,942 filed 2/12/04.

The "input flow path" of claim 65, for example is the vertical opening 120, 126 (Fig. 5) which starts at the place identified by reference number 126 and extends downward to the barrier across the bottom of the coarse material 120.

The output flow path is either of the two drains such as 124 (Fig. 5).

Each of Kester, Crandall, Ernst, Ricketts and Daniels feeds all of the water in one stream along a circuitous path through the entire system to a single outlet.

Claim 64 has been amended to say:

"each said portion receiving and filtering only a separate part of the fluid to be filtered" ***

Hence, claim 64 is patentable.

Claim 65 is patentable, and avoids Kester, Crandall, Ernst, Ricketts and Daniels, since it has been amended to call for:

at least a portion of each of said input and output flow paths having porous sidewalls thereby allowing the fluid to pass through the porous sidewall of the input flow path through said filtering material and through the porous sidewall of said outlet fluid path.

Claim 68 is patentable since Kester, Crandall, Ernst, Ricketts and Daniels do not have the following limitation that has been added to the claim:

means for receiving said fluid to be filtered and feeding to each said portion only a separate part of that fluid,

Claim 73 has been amended to overcome patents to Kester,
Crandall and Daniels, as follows:

"said liquid input path and said liquid output path
both have a porous sidewall so that at least some
of the fluid passes through said sidewalls,"